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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN PERMANENT OBSERVER OFFICE TO UN PROPAGANDA
ACTIVITIES

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1. MISOFFS CALLED ON ACTING UN LEGAL COUNSEL BLAINE SLOAN

(US) 7 JANUARY, PER REFTTEL, TO REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARIAT
ASK THE DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE TO REFRAIN FROM CIRCULATING TO
AMERICAN CITIZENS UNSOLICITED PROPAGANDA MATERIAL
UNRELATED TO UN ACTIVITIES. WE GAVE HIM THE NORTH KOREAN
THEATRICAL MATERIALS ADDRESSED TO DR. SOO YOUNG OH OF POTOMAC,
MD., AND THE ENVELOPE SHOWING THE OBSERVER MISSION'S
NYC RETURN ADDRESS. WE NOTED THAT THIS IS NOT AN
APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY OF AN OBSERVER'S OFFICE, THE MORE SO
IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
HOST COUNTRY. WE RECALLED THE LEGAL COUNSEL'S HELPFUL
INTERVENTION WITH THE DPRK OFFICE IN THE SPRING OF 1975,
WHICH HAD BROUGHT TO AN END THE ATTRIBUTION TO THAT OFFICE
OF DPRK ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES.

2. SLOAN RECALLED IT WAS LEGAL COUNSEL SUY WHO HAS BEEN
THE FOCAL POINT AT THE SENIOR LEVEL OF THE SECRETARIAT
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FOR CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE DPRK. IN RESPONSE TO HIS

QUESTION, WE SAID WE WOULD ACCEPT SLOAN'S JUDGMENT WHETHER
THE MATTER WOULD BEST AWAIT SUY'S RETURN TO THE UN
(PRESUMABLY IN FEBRUARY). SLOAN INDICATED HE THOUGHT THIS
WOULD BE WISE IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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